

**REMARKS**

**Pending Claims**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-10, 12, 14, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32-37, 46 and 47 are currently pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 10, 22 and 23. Applicant respectfully traverses all the rejections.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-10, 12, 14, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32-37, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the PrimaSoft Dialer version 1.4 (Copyright 1995, 96 by PrimaSoft PC, Inc.).

Though it is not entirely apparent from reading the Office Action, the Examiner seems to be basing his prior art rejections<sup>1</sup> on Hayes compatible modem (having the dial string of the format ATDTn) working on a generic operating system (such as Windows 95 which was available at the time of Applicant's filing of the current invention) along with the PrimaSoft Dialer and the cut-and-paste function. That is, while the Examiner now acknowledges that the PrimaSoft Dialer itself does not extract numeric characters out of cut-and-pasted character string, the Examiner asserts that such system (Dialer combined with the cut-and-paste function) operating on a Hayes compatible modem with a generic operating system would automatically

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<sup>1</sup> Such understanding was made through the telephonic conference with the Examiner held on July 6, 2006.

extract<sup>2</sup> numeric characters out of the cut-and-pasted character string. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Each of the independent claims 1, 5, 10, 22 and 23 has been amended to additionally recite “analyzing the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information.”

Applicant respectfully submits that such additionally recited features are not taught or suggested by the cited prior art references under the rationale advanced by the Examiner. That is, the cited system<sup>3</sup> fails to teach or suggest at least actively “analyzing the selected string of character information *at an application level*.”

Further, Applicant traverses the rejections based on the following technical disclosure pertaining to the Hayes compatible modem.

In the Hayes compatible modem, AT command syntax is required on the sides of both the application and the modem. However, with respect to the claimed “telephone call dialing method” and the “information terminal”, *no* AT command syntax is required on either the application side or on the modem.

Typically, Hayes modem dials a destination call number by utilizing a character string of ATD and a telephone number. Accordingly, a created AT command syntax is first sent to the application communicating with the modem, Hayes modem receives the string including AT

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<sup>2</sup> The Examiner seems to be loosely basing such rationale on the inherent syntax rules of the Hayes compatible modem as shown on pages 1 and 3 of Reference U provided by the Examiner.

<sup>3</sup> That is, the Dialer combined with the cut-and-paste function which is operating on a Hayes compatible modem with a generic operating system.

command character and then subsequently recognizes the string of character information following ATD as a dial information. As such, Hayes' modem requires AT command syntax on the sides of *both* the application and the modem.

On the other hand, with respect to the claimed "telephone call dialing method" and the "information terminal", when numeric and alphabetical characters are displayed on a screen, *a user* selects a character string which contains a destination telephone number to be dialed. As such, the selected character string is read by the use of a general-purpose application, and the character string thus obtained is used in dialing.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited system fails to teach or suggest "analyzing the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information," where the "string of character information" is selected by a *user*.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10, 12, 14, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32-37, 46 and 47 are patentable over the PrimaSoft Dialer version 1.4.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
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